

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1237

By Borchert

A RESOLUTION to recognize Virgil Edward Coppinger on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Edward "Ed" Coppinger is one such estimable person who, after having served with distinction for more than twelve years with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), will begin his much deserved retirement on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coppinger attended the University of Chattanooga and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Ed Coppinger answered duty's call and bravely served his country in the United States Navy from 1966 until 1968, when he transferred to the Naval Reserves, rendering sterling service until his honorable discharge in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished service in the Armed Forces, Mr. Coppinger achieved the rank of EAD3 and garnered a number of decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Ed Coppinger began his illustrious career in public service as a Civil Engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority where he skillfully developed designs and boat access areas and supervised the construction of parks, trails, and other public places; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1998, Mr. Coppinger commenced his exemplary tenure with the TWRA and has served with acumen and alacrity as an Operations Specialist 2 in the Engineering Division, as Wildlife Operations Specialist Supervisor, and as the Assistant Chief of the Engineering Division; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ed Coppinger has received “Exceptional” performance evaluations every year he has been with the TWRA; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Coppinger is most grateful to share both love and companionship with his wonderful wife, Sharon H. Coppinger; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Coppinger has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues at the TWRA; and

WHEREAS, Ed Coppinger exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his career and his community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Virgil Edward “Ed” Coppinger our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud him for his efforts to maintain the natural habitat and wildlife of this great State, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.